# Parameterized aspects of strong subgraph closure 

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- If it does not, then we must make at least one of the edges of $G\left[V_{F^{\prime}}\right]$ weak.
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| $\left\|E_{G}\right\|-\left\|E_{H}\right\|$ | None | FPT |
|  |  | poly generalized kernel |

Thank you! $\because$

